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Ninth Meeting, 25th March, 1867.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

ELECTIONS.—*Rev. John C. Brown*, LL.D., F.L.S. (Professor of Botany, South African College, Cape Town); *Colonel Edward Conran* (Administrator of the Gold Coast); *John Dugdale, Esq.*; *Lieut.-Colonel Francis W. Newdigate* (Coldstream Guards).

ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY SINCE THE LAST MEETING.—‘*La Question du Pole Nord, par Gustave Lambert.*’ From the Author. ‘*The North-west Peninsula of Iceland, being a Journal of a Tour in Iceland in the Spring of 1862,*’ by C. W. Shepherd, M.A. From the Author. ‘*Le Jardin des Racines Grèques mises en vers François, 1719.*’ Given by S. M. Drach, Esq., F.R.G.S. ‘*Cartes des Ventes dans l’Océan Pacifique meridionale,*’ par le Comte Chasseloup Laubat. Le Ministre de la Marine. ‘*Instructions Nautiques sur les Traversers d’Aller et de Retour de la Manche à Java,*’ par C. le Hellaco. ‘*Reissen van Australie naar Java.*’ ‘*Maandelijksche Zeilaandwijzingen van het, Kanaal naar Java.*’ ‘*Anales del Museo Publico de Buenos Aires,*’ by Herman Burmeister, MED. DR. Presented. ‘*Five Years in Japan, 1863-67,*’ by Van Meerdevoort. Purchased. ‘*Ueber die Polärlander,*’ by Dr. Oswald Heer. Purchased. ‘*Notes on Columbus: with photographic facsimiles of the Handwriting of Christopher Columbus.*’ New York. Presented by the Hakluyt Society. Three drawings of people and habitations of Jesso, by a Japanese artist. Presented by J. Lamprey, Esq., M.D., 67th Regt. A miniature on copper of “Kama,” a Kaffir chief. Presented by R. J. Garden, Esq., F.R.G.S. Two photographs of Formosa natives. Given by R. Swinhoe, Esq. Drawings of Australian scenery, from Dr. Ferdinand Mueller, Melbourne. Presented by Sir Roderick Murchison, Bart.

ACCESSIONS TO THE MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING.—Map of the Province of Canterbury, New Zealand, with 5 sectional plans, showing the passable routes over the Alpine ranges from the west to the east coast. Scale, 1 inch = $\frac{3}{4}$ mile vertical, 3 miles horizontal, by J. Haast, Esq., Government Geological Surveyor. Presented by the Author, through Sir R. Murchison. A complete set of Maps, illustrating the campaigns in Germany in the summer of 1866, showing the battle-fields in Bohemia, &c., during the war between Prussia and Austria. 17 maps on 23 sheets. Scale, 1 inch = $\frac{1}{16}$ of a mile. Presented by Colonel Beauchamp Walker, C.B. A map of part of Palestine, showing the route from Jaffa to

Jerusalem, by C. Schick. Presented by Dr. A. Petermann. A map of Greece and the Grecian Archipelago. Presented by Dr. A. Petermann. Admiralty Charts, 8 in number. Ordnance Sheets, 94 in number.

The Paper of the evening was the following:—

DESPATCHES and LETTERS relating to the last Journey and reported Death of DR. LIVINGSTONE. By DR. G. E. SEWARD, Acting-Consul, and DR. J. KIRK, Vice-Consul at Zanzibar.

1. *Despatches from DR. SEWARD, H.M. Acting Political Resident at Zanzibar, to Lord Stanley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.*

(Communicated by the FOREIGN OFFICE.)

“MY LORD,

“Zanzibar, December 10, 1866.

“I send you the saddest news. Dr. Livingstone, in his despatch from Ngomano, informed your Lordship that he stood ‘on the threshold of the unexplored.’* Yet, as if that which should betide him had already thrown its shadow, he added, ‘it is best to say little of the future.’

“My Lord, if the report of some fugitives from his party be true, this brave and good man has ‘crossed the threshold of the unexplored;’ he has confronted the future, and will never return.

“He was slain, so it is alleged, during a sudden and unprovoked encounter with those very Zulus of whom he says, in his despatch, that they had laid waste the country round about him, and had ‘swept away the food from above and in the ground.’ With an escort reduced to twenty by desertion, death, and dismissals, he had traversed, as I believe, that *terra incognita* between the confluence of the Loende and Rovuma rivers at Ngomano, and the eastern or north-eastern littoral of Lake Nyassa; had crossed the lake at some point, as yet unascertained; had reached a station named Kompoonda, or Mapoonda, on its western—probably its north-western—shores; and was pushing west or north-west into dangerous ground, when between Marenga and Maklisooru a band of implacable savages stopped the way, a mixed horde of Zulus, or Mafite, and Nyassa folk.

“The Nyassa folk were armed with bow and arrow, the Zulus

* “The dim outline of highlands appears even at this distance. They raise the spirits, but possibly this is caused partly by the fact that this is about 30 miles beyond our former turning-point and the threshold of the unexplored. I propose to make this, *i.e.*, Ngomano, my head-quarters till I have felt my way round Lake Nyassa. If prospects are fair there I need not return, but trust to another quarter for fresh supplies, but it is best to say little of the future.”—See ‘Proceedings Royal Geographical Society,’ vol. xi. p. 15.